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### HOUSE LEADER AUTHORITY

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, October 20.—The Goethals plan for control, government and maintenance will be accepted by Congress.

A leader of the House, responsible for legislation affecting the Panama Canal, announced to-day that there will be no change in the law which delegates out of existence the Isthmian Canal Commission with the completion of the canal and substitutes a civil government with executive aides to take charge of the canal, its operation and maintenance, and the sanitation of the Canal Zone.

Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the canal, was charged by the framers of this law with the duty of reporting plans for the future management of the canal. This report is on its way here. It will be used by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee as the basis for permanent legislation for government of the Panama Canal and its Zone.

Colonel Goethals is not to be disturbed in his great work until he shall have made his final report on its completion. Congress gave him the powers of a dictator, subordinating the Isthmian Canal Commission, so that he should not be interfered with to his embarrassment. That law is in force until he shall have completed his work.

Intent of Congress.—From the same high authority in Congress it is learned to-day that the intent of Congress was that Colonel Goethals should not complete his work until he had made his report to the Secretary of War that the canal was open for the facts of the world.

Congress has determined that the Panama Canal and its Zone shall not be governed by a commission. The following section of the Adamson law was agreed to by the House and Senate after prolonged discussion:

"That when in the judgment of the President the construction of the Panama Canal shall be completed, the President is authorized by executive order to discontinue the Isthmian Canal Commission, which, together with the present organization shall then cease to exist, and the President is authorized thereafter to complete, govern and operate the Panama Canal and govern the Canal Zone, or cause them to be completed."

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